

**REGISTER OF THE ROBERT S. LAMBERT COLLECTION**  
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2.1 cubic feet, 15 boxes including, 76 microfilm reels

### **Introduction**

The Robert S. Lambert Collection was donated to Clemson University Libraries by Robert S. Lambert in 1986 and 1988, accessions 86-60, 88-57. The Collection consists of copies of microfilm documents, 1745-1790, related to Dr. Lambert's research on the American Revolution in South Carolina which was used in his book *South Carolina Loyalists in the American Revolution*. There are also papers related to his career as a Clemson University faculty member and department head, 1960-1981. The collection was processed in 1995 by Ms. Adraine Jackson with help from Ms. Lisa McAllister, a student assistant. There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

### **Biographical Sketch**

Robert S. Lambert was born in New York City on February 7, 1920. He received a B.A., M.A., PhD. (1951) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He began his career as an Instructor at Clemson College teaching history and government. Between 1950-1956 he also taught at Vincennes University, Georgia Teacher (now Southern) College and Shorter College. Returning to Clemson in 1956-1985 he remained a member of the faculty until his retirement in 1985 as Professor Emeritus. Professor Lambert served as Head of Social Sciences and History Department, 1963-1974 during a period of rapid expansion at the University.

Robert Lambert was a member of South Carolina Archives and History Commission and the South Carolina Records Advisory Board. He married Edythe R. Lambert and they have one daughter.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection spans the years 1745-1790, 1958-1980. They are divided into two sections: files and microfilm reels. The files pertain primarily to his activities as a Clemson faculty member and administrator. Most of these files relate to committees Lambert served on during his career at Clemson. The microfilm reels include film from a number of manuscript collections and archives as well as some newspapers. Although from disparate sources and consisting of only pieces of collections, series, and publications, they are united by their subject matter: South Carolina supporters of the British.

Lambert's files include material on a number of committees on which he served. The Clemson Archives Committee has correspondence, ca 1970-1980, and material about Committee meetings as well as the evaluation and disposition of records at Clemson. The School of Arts and Sciences files have material about instruction, research and public service for a self-study 1959-1960 as well as proposed changes in scholastic regulations and recommendation of the Self-Study Committee for the Major in Arts and Sciences. The faculty business includes material he collected about (ca.1956-1962) on Who's Who in America, the Senate Committee Appointed to Study The Tenure Policy Adopted by the Board of Trustees. There is the curriculum material includes (ca. 1958, 1959) Minutes of the Research Faculty Council Report of the Committee on Education Curriculum. The Purpose Committee of Clemson University includes correspondence of self-study throughout the different colleges on campus in 1960.

There is also some correspondence with American Association of Universities, Styles and Format for Committee Report. There is a folder of miscellaneous newspaper clippings titled "Irritants" related to communism and to civil rights. Lambert also gathered reference material for public speaking on different topics including in this folder a copy of , "Case of Ten Parents against Board of Education, Union Free School District No.9, Hyde Park, N.Y., June 26, 1962."

Lambert's collection of microfilm includes material from archives and manuscript repositories related to Loyalist in South Carolina. The Charles Marquis of Cornwallis Papers 1761-1781 are primarily correspondence. There are portions of the official records from the following commissions and legislative bodies. Commission of Enquiry 1783-1790, British Public Record Office, Sainsbury Transcripts 1745-1755, Public Record Office 457, C.O.5, 512-526 of Police, Records of the States of the United States 1751-1784;

The following newspapers are included for select years: *Bahama Gazette* 1784-1792; *Rivington's Gazeteer* 1773-1783, *Royal American Gazette* 1781-1783; and *The Western Sun* 1815-1816.